

**METHOD FOR PROVIDING PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTION**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and apparatus are provided for distributing programming. A first  
5 set of program segments is transmitted according to a schedule of programming. A second  
set of program segments is stored on a server, with at least one of the first set of program  
segments having a counterpart in the second set of program segments. A database is  
maintained that records user authorizations to program segments on the server. A request  
from a user for program control of a particular program segment is detected and a  
10 determination is made whether to grant program control to the user.

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